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Arrest of certain Andhra leaders on 17th February 1929.

* 1457-C *Q.*—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the grounds on which Mr. K. V. R. Swami, Bar.-at-Law, M.L.C., and six others were arrested or had warrants of arrest issued against them on or about Sunday the 17th February;

(*b*) the conditions on which those leaders were released within two hours of their arrest; and

(*c*) why three of them were not arrested although arrest warrants were issued against them?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1457-A.

(*b*) On the assurances given by themselves or by the hon. Mr. V. Ramdoss Pantulu.

(*c*) No warrants were issued against them.

Mr. C. GOPALA MENON:—"May I ask whether the assurances given by the arrested leaders or by hon. Mr. V. Ramdoss Pantulu were in writing or oral?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"As far as I know, it was oral assurance."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"Apart from bail bonds, may I ask whether these persons were asked to sign any other paper?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"No, Sir."

11-40 a.m. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"With reference to the answer to clause (*b*), may I know the names of those who were released on the assurance of Mr. Ramdoss Pantulu and those who were released on their own assurance?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Mr. Konda Venkatappayya and Mr. K. V. R. Swami were released on their own assurance and Mr. Ramdoss Pantulu gave assurance on behalf of Ponnayya Sastri and K. Venkata Rao."

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR:—"To whom were the assurances given?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"To the Assistant Commissioner of Police."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"May I know whether when these gentlemen can be released on mere oral assurances, why could they not have been asked previously . . ."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"That is cross-examination."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU:—"May I know whether they were released without any bond from them or without any bail bond?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I have already answered that."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU:—"May I know from the Government whether Government released these people either on their own bond in writing or on any other person giving any assurance in writing?"

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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have already answered that."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" May I know if the assurances that they gave were to the effect that they will follow any particular route or anything else ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" That they would not disobey any lawful orders which might be issued by the Commissioner of Police."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I take it that there was no order of any Magistrate ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I do not hear the question, Sir."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I know, Sir, if the release was in accordance with section 63 ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Yes, Sir. The Commissioner of Police is a Presidency Magistrate then."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I take it that it is not the case of an ordinary magistrate releasing them ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The Commissioner of Police can release them."

Alleged application for warrant of arrest against certain Andhra leaders.

* 1457-D Q.—Mr. C. OBI REDDI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that on 17th February 1929 the Police of the City of Madras applied for warrants of arrest against Messrs. Pattabhi Sitharamiah, Suryaprakasa Rao and Annapurniah and whether the same were granted ;

(*b*) under what provision of law the warrants were applied for and granted ; and

(*c*) what was the nature of the incriminating material which the Police had collected against the said gentlemen before they applied for warrants of arrest ?

A.—(*a*) No.
(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Public Health

Progress of the drainage scheme of the Salem Municipality.

1458 Q.—Rao Bahadur S. ELLAPPA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the drainage scheme of the Salem Municipality at present is ; and

(*b*) the reason for the delay in the starting of the scheme ?